

Department of Children and Families

Tribal Consultation Action Plan

May 2018 to May 2019

The Department of Children and Families and the federally recognized Indian Tribes of Wisconsin held a consultation meeting on May 31, 2018. This Action Plan is the result of that consultation meeting. The plan is a set of mutually agreeable short and long term strategies to address issues of interest to Tribes. The Department and the Wisconsin Indian Tribes agree to collaborate on these strategies and provide staff support as required to successfully achieve these outcomes by May 2019.

Item 1: Partner with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services regarding the meth and opioid treatment needs for the tribes.		Responsible Party: DCF Tribal Liaison – Stephanie Lozano, in collaboration with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services
History: At the 2018, Tribal Consultation Meeting, tribes requested additional assistance in addressing the opioid and methamphetamine problems in their communities. DCF agreed to partner with DHS to see what other resources and services are available.		
Outcome/Update: Initial meeting with DHS (Darwin and Gail) on 06-04-2018		
Resources: DOJ “A Dose of Reality” for Native American Communities: https://doseofrealitywi.gov/get-support/native-american-communities/ was provided to all tribes on 06-01-2018		
Item 2: Provide list of SAMHSA Evidence Based Practices		Responsible Party: DCF Tribal Liaison – Stephanie Lozano and Division of Safety and Permanence Administrator – Fredi Bove
History: DCF agreed to provide the list of SAMHSA Evidence Based Practices to the tribes as future grant opportunities may require the utilization of evidence based practice models or programs.		
Outcome/Update:		
Resources: https://www.samhsa.gov/nrepp		

Item 3: eWiSACWIS Contract Review	Responsible Party: Division of Safety and Permanence – Tania Cornelius
<p>History:</p> <p>At the 2018 Tribal Consultation Meeting, it was requested that DCF look at the language in the tribal eWiSACWIS contracts. Tribes must comply with the federal Native American Children’s Safety Act and the Family Violence Prevention Act which requires background checks for workers, foster parents and household members. The background checks must also include a child abuse and neglect check. There is concern that the tribal eWiSACWIS contract limits the tribes’ ability to access records only to cases where they are a party.</p>	
Outcome/Update:	
Resources:	
Item 4: TANF Plan	Responsible Party: Division of Family and Economic Security in collaboration with the DCF Tribal Liaison – Stephanie Lozano
<p>History:</p> <p>At the 2018 Tribal Consultation Meeting, DCF agreed to provide the tribes with the draft TANF plan and the dates for the public comment period. Administrator Chapin also offered to meet with any interested tribe during the public comment period to gather their feedback regarding the plan.</p>	
Outcome/Update:	
Resources:	
Item 5: Foster Parent Training	Responsible Party: Division of Safety and Permanence – Tania Cornelius in collaboration with the Wisconsin Child Welfare Professional Development System, the ICW Directors, and the Tribal Placement Home Coordinators
<p>History:</p> <p>The tribes expressed a need for specialized training for their foster parents. They feel that their foster parents could use more information on how to care for high needs children, children affected by drugs, and adolescents who have experienced trauma.</p>	
Outcome/Update:	
Resources:	

Item 6: Individual Tribal Meetings	Responsible Party: DCF Tribal Liaison – Stephanie Lozano
<p>History:</p> <p>Each tribe discussed various needs of their respective community during the 2018 Tribal Consultation Meeting. In order to fully understand the unique needs of each tribe, the Tribal Liaison offered to meet with each tribe individually at their convenience.</p>	
Outcome/Update:	
Resources:	
Item 7: Conference Information and Invitations	Responsible Party: DCF Tribal Liaison – Stephanie Lozano
<p>History:</p> <p>The Department agreed to send conference information and invitations to the respective tribal entities for the DCF Work Programs Conference and the Public Child Welfare Conference.</p>	
Outcome/Update:	
“Save the Date” information was sent to the tribes on 6/7/18 for the Work Programs Conference	
Resources:	
Item 8: Information Regarding Tele-Health Child Psychiatry	Responsible Party: DCF Tribal Liaison – Stephanie Lozano in collaboration with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services
<p>History:</p> <p>The tribes voiced concern with the lack of child psychiatry providers in their respective areas. The department agreed to gather information regarding Tele-Health from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to share with the tribes.</p>	
Outcome/Update:	
Resources:	